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Letter dated 31 December 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letter to you of 19 December 2008 (S/2008/804), in which I set out proposals on a package of steps that could be undertaken to support the implementation of the Djibouti peace process and contribute to enabling the conditions required for eventual deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia.

I understand that the Security Council is now considering a draft resolution which, inter alia, provides that the United Nations would develop and deliver a logistics support package for the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

On the basis of Security Council discussions to date, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat has already initiated action to secure the provision of logistics support for AMISOM. In this regard, it is important to note that, given the lead time needed to put appropriate servicing arrangements in place, the Organization may need to rely upon the existing AMISOM logistics arrangements as a bridging mechanism to ensure the uninterrupted provision of logistics support.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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